



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FY 10-11

Executive Budget Review

Public Service Commission



The Public Service Commission includes the following 4 programs:

- Administrative
- Support Services
- Motor Carrier Registration
- District Offices



Executive Budget by Means of Finance

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION					
Means of Financing (MOF)	Actual Expenditures FY 2008-09	Existing Operating Budget FY 2009-10 (12/1/09)	Executive Budget FY 2010-11	Change From FY 09-10 to FY 10-11	Percent Change From FY 09-10 to FY 10-11
State General Fund (SGF)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Interagency Transfers (IAT)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fees and Self-gen. Rev. (SGR)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Statutory Dedications (SD)	\$8,270,934	\$8,993,160	\$9,224,760	\$231,600	2.58%
Interim Emergency Board	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds (FED)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL MOF	\$8,270,934	\$8,993,160	\$9,224,760	\$231,600	2.58%
Authorized Positions	94	103	97	-6	-5.83%

-Major Sources of Revenue Include: Fees for the inspection and control of certain motor carriers and public utilities doing business in Louisiana, fines collected through the “Do Not Call” program, and intrastate regulation of motor carriers.

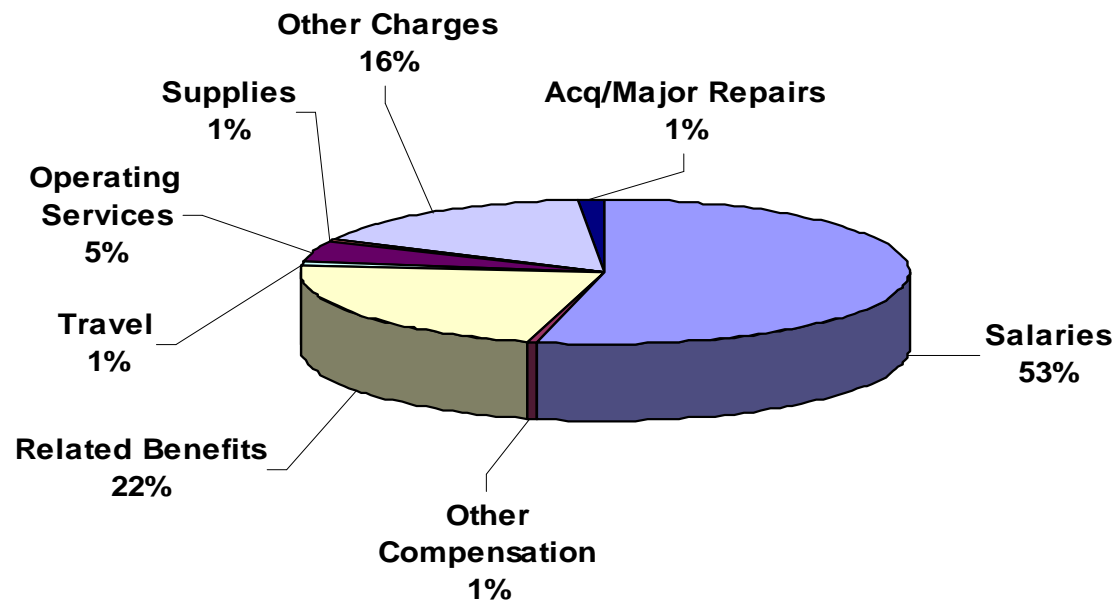


FY 10-11 Executive Budget by Expenditure

Public Service Commission					
Expenditures	FY 08-09 Actual	FY 09-10 Existing Operating Budget 12/01/09	FY 10-11 Executive Budget	Change from FY 09-10 to FY 10-11	Percent Change
Salaries	\$ 4,772,320	\$ 5,380,554	\$ 4,952,198	\$ (428,356)	-8.0%
Other Compensation	\$ 47,531	\$ 54,373	\$ 54,373	\$ -	0.0%
Related Benefits	\$ 1,641,611	\$ 1,547,084	\$ 2,008,385	\$ 461,301	29.8%
Travel	\$ 77,101	\$ 117,866	\$ 109,575	\$ (8,291)	-7.0%
Operating Services	\$ 357,587	\$ 437,362	\$ 439,631	\$ 2,269	0.5%
Supplies	\$ 42,132	\$ 56,316	\$ 55,316	\$ (1,000)	-1.8%
Prof Svcs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Other Charges	\$ 1,275,749	\$ 1,306,805	\$ 1,487,732	\$ 180,927	13.8%
<u>Acq/Major Repairs</u>	<u>\$ 56,903</u>	<u>\$ 92,800</u>	<u>\$ 117,550</u>	<u>\$ 24,750</u>	<u>26.7%</u>
TOTAL EXP	\$ 8,270,934	\$ 8,993,160	\$ 9,224,760	\$ 231,600	2.6%



FY 10-11 Executive Budget by Expenditures





Discretionary vs. Non-Discretionary Funding FY 10-11

Discretionary	\$7,487,173	81.16%
Non-Discretionary	\$1,737,587	18.84%
Total	\$9,224,760	100.00%

-53% of the Non-Discretionary funding is used to pay rent for state owned buildings.



Statutory Dedications

Public Service Commission Statutory Dedication Comparison					
Statutory Dedications	FY08-09 Actual Expenditures	FY 09-10 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/09	FY 10-11 Executive Budget	Change FY 09-10 to FY 10-11	Percent Change
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	\$761,431	\$336,496	\$348,728	\$12,232	3.6%
Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund	\$272,582	\$318,358	\$279,932	-\$38,426	-12.1%
Inspection/Supervision Fund	\$7,236,921	\$8,338,306	\$8,596,100	\$257,794	3.1%
TOTAL	\$8,270,934	\$8,993,160	\$9,224,760	\$231,600	2.6%



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- STATUTORY DEDICATIONS -

Motor Carrier Registration Fund (R.S. 45:169.1):

- The motor carrier fund collects fees from oversight of motor carriers transporting household goods, waste or passengers, or carriers operating as a wrecker/tow service. These revenues are used for the operation of the program.
 - \$336,496 was appropriated in FY 09-10. The source of funding is fees and self-generated revenues.
 - There is a fund balance of \$263,566 as of 2/09/10.

Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund (R.S. 45:1777):

- Motor carriers and public utilities doing business in Louisiana that are subject to control and jurisdiction of the PSC are charged a fee for the inspection, control, and supervision of the business services and rates. This applies to common carriers and public utilities. In addition they are subject to any and all property, franchise, license, and other taxes, and fees and charges.
 - \$8,338,306 was appropriated in FY 09-10. The source of funding is fees and self-generated revenues.
 - There is a fund balance of \$3,504,785 as of 2/09/10.



- STATUTORY DEDICATIONS - (cont.)

Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund (R.S. 45:844.14):

- The Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund is used to provide oversight to the “Do Not Call” program which established rules and regulations for residential telephonic subscribers who do not wish to receive telephonic solicitations.
 - \$318,358 was appropriated in FY 09/10. The source of funding is fees and self generated revenues.
 - There is a \$238,036 fund balance as of 2/09/10.



Public Service Commission

- SALARIES/ POSITIONS -

\$5 million for Salaries and Other Compensation and \$2 million for Related Benefits. Total Personal Services are \$7 million or 76% of the total recommended budget

- Average Salary for the Department = \$51,614
- 97 positions (82 classified and 15 unclassified)
- The department has 2 vacancies as of 02/17/10
- 5 yr historical vacancy rate = 9 positions



Significant Budget Changes

- \$526,502 SD** Provides funding for the salary base adjustment.
- \$223,353 SD** Provides funding for state retirement rate adjustment.
- \$200,000 SD** Provides funding for the purchase of the Star PSC systems software license. This system is designed to streamline electronic filing.
- \$65,475 SD** Provides rent in state-owned buildings.



Significant Budget Changes

(\$428,655) SD Decreases funding due to the attrition adjustment.

(\$240,247) SD Decreases funding due to a reduction of 6 T.O.

(\$137,132) SD Decreases salary funding from other line items.



"Do Not Call" Program

- The Louisiana "Do Not Call" program, established on January 1, 2002, is a list, updated and maintained by the Public Service Commission, of residential telephone subscribers who do not wish to receive telephone solicitations. Business numbers may not be registered in the program. The program is free to all residential telephone customers.

Once the residential telephone number is registered with PSC, the information is compiled and stored in a database that contains the telephone numbers of all program participants. Consumers will remain on the register for a period of five years. Businesses wishing to engage in telephone solicitation of residential subscribers within the state of Louisiana must purchase a copy of the "Do Not Call" register.

To obtain a copy of the register, solicitors must complete an application and pay all applicable fees. Registration is valid from January 1 to December 31 of the registration year. Businesses who unlawfully call numbers on the register will be subject to fines up to \$3,000 per violation for residential telephonic subscribers over the age of 65 and up to \$1,500 for all other residential telephonic subscriber violations.

- All fees and fines collected are deposited into the Telephonic Solicitation Fund.



5 Year Collections for the “Do Not Call” Program

<u>Do Not Call</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Subscribers registered	1,260,893	1,597,373	1,832,928	2,150,169	2,449,072
Solicitors registered	409	607	894	814	836
Solicitor registration fee	\$ 295,900	\$ 300,200	\$ 357,900	\$ 318,909	\$ 307,108
Solicitor fines collected	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,006	\$ 38,450	\$ 15,103	\$ 3, 000